

17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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List of Abbreviations

AVDET – Aviation Detachment	MBL – U.S./Russian Maritime Boundary
CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation
CGC – Coast Guard Cutter	MEDICO – Passing medical advice at sea
DIW – Dead in the Water	NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator
EEZ – Exclusive Economic Zone	PD – Police Department
EPIRB – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	POB – Persons on board
FBS – Russian Federal Border Service	PRC – Peoples’ Republic of China
FCH – Charter Fishing Vessel	RFMO – Regional Fisheries Management Org.
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	SAR – Search and Rescue
FOL – Forward Operating Location	SARSAT – Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
FRC – 154’ Fast Response Cutter	SMC – SAR Mission Coordinator
GOA – Gulf of Alaska	TERM - Termination
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	UMIB – Urgent Marine Info Broadcast
MH-65/MH-60 – CG helicopter	VDS – Visual Distress Signals
HSDN – High Seas Drift Net	WLB – 225’ Buoy Tender
IFQ – Individual Fishing Quota	WMEC – Medium Endurance Cutter
IUU – Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing	WMSL – 418’ National Security Cutter
IVO – In the vicinity of	WPB – 110’ Patrol Boat
MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast	

I. IUU Fishing & High Seas Drift Net (HSDN) Enforcement

The Coast Guard deployed surface and aircraft assets for Operation North Pacific Guard (NPG) 2024. Both assets support high seas fisheries enforcement under North Pacific Anadromous Fisheries Commission (NPAFC), North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) authorities. There were no detected HSDN fishing activities during this period.

II. U.S./Russian Maritime Boundary Line (MBL) Enforcement

During the last three months, there was consistent foreign flagged longline and trawl fishing on the Russian side of the MBL. Coast Guard District 17 continues to prioritize remote sensing and surface and air patrols along the MBL to deter and detect incursions.

III. U.S./Canadian EEZ Boundary (Dixon Entrance) Enforcement

There was light fishing activity during the reporting period along the U.S.-Canadian EEZ boundary in the vicinity of Dixon Entrance. All Canadian commercial fishing vessels sighted were south of the A-B line and no incursions into U.S. waters were detected.

IV. Cook Inlet EEZ Federal Salmon Enforcement

The Coast Guard conducted coordinated surface and air patrols with NOAA OLE in the first opener of the Cook Inlet EEZ Salmon Fishery. The Coast Guard completed 17 at-sea boardings and 05 hours of C-130 patrol. Notably, the aircrew observed one instance of a firearm being pointed in the direction of a deployed net and vectored a cutter with embarked NOAA OLE agents to the vessel for investigation.

V. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement

The Coast Guard monitors 151 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. D17 received no assistance requests within these areas in the reporting period.

VI. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 87 boardings conducted on commercial fishing vessels by the Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of 17 fisheries violations onboard nine vessels. Appendices B and C list the boardings with violations that occurred during the reporting period.

VII. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Coast Guard patrols completed 414 boardings on commercial, charter, and recreational vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. Of these boardings, 42 were commercial IFQ halibut or sablefish vessels resulting in seven fisheries violations on three vessels. Charter halibut vessels constituted 100 boardings resulting in zero fisheries violations. Recreational vessels targeting halibut constituted 272 boardings resulting in zero fisheries violations.

VIII. Crab Fisheries

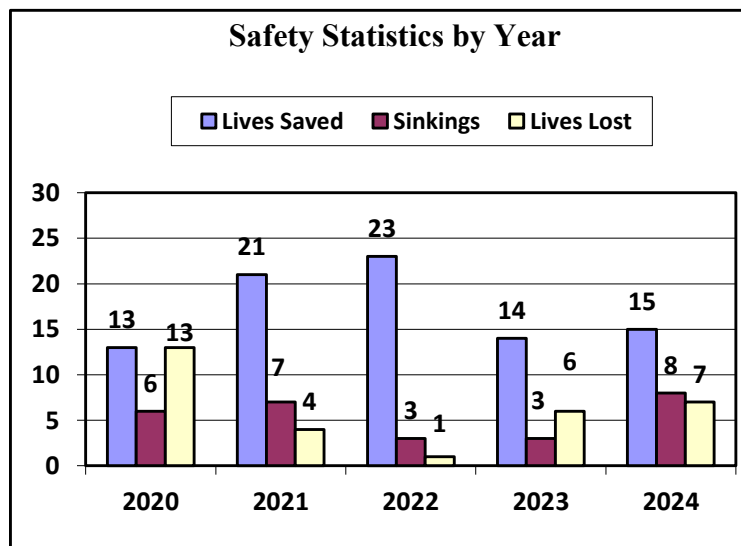
Coast Guard units are preparing to conduct shore-side stability and safety inspections on the Bering Sea crab fleet in October. Coast Guard units conducted one boarding of Bering Sea commercial crabbers in the report period.

IX. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

There were 25 search and rescue (SAR) case involving commercial fishing vessels in U.S. waters during the reporting period. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

During the reporting period, 71 safety violations were detected on 47 vessels including commercial, recreational, and charter vessels. A comprehensive list of safety violations can be found in Appendix B.

Figure 1. Historical Overview of CFVS/SAR Statistics



X. Coast Guard Resource Summary

Figures 2-5 show the *annual* aircraft law enforcement hours, Major Cutter days, and Patrol Boat hours used in the Seventeenth District. Figures 6-7 show the same information over the last three years for major cutters and patrol boats over the *reporting period only*.

Figure 2. Annual HC-130 Hours

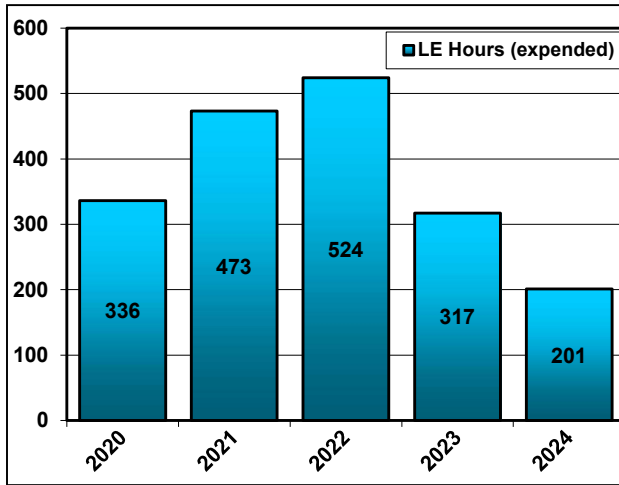
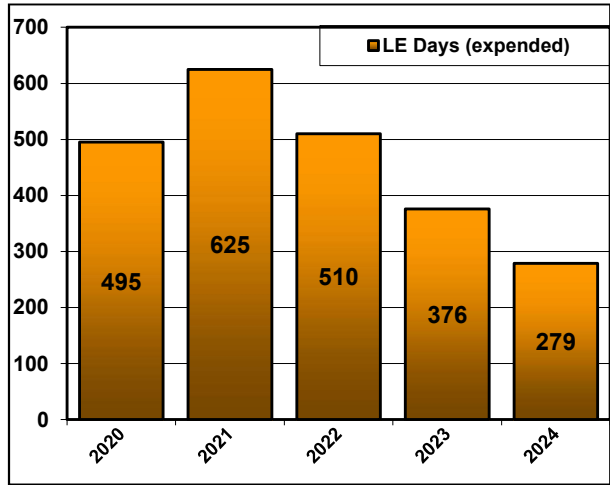


Figure 3. Annual Major Cutter Days



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2 WMSL patrolled.....96 days
 1 WMEC patrolled..... 58 days
 1 WLB patrolled 0 days
 6 WPB/FRCs patrolled 176 days
Total Cutter patrol.....330 days

HC-130s flew 188 hours
 MH-60/65s flew..... 41 hours

June - September 2024

2 WMSL patrolled.....120 days
 1 WMEC patrolled.....75 days
 0 WLB patrolled0 days
 6 WPB/FRCs patrolled152 days
Total Cutter patrol.....346 days

HC-130s flew57 hours
 MH-60 flew.....17 hours

Figure 4. Annual H60/65 Hours to date

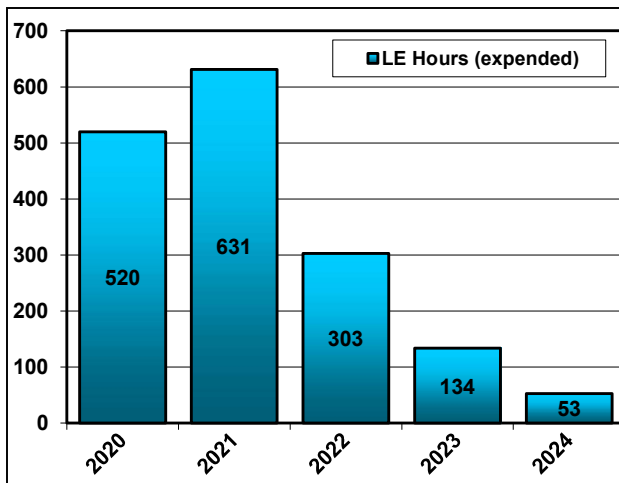


Figure 5. Annual Patrol Boat Hours to date

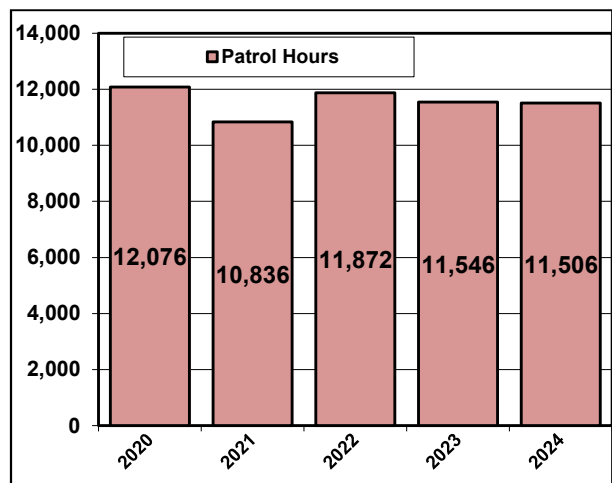


Figure 6. June - August Major Cutter Days

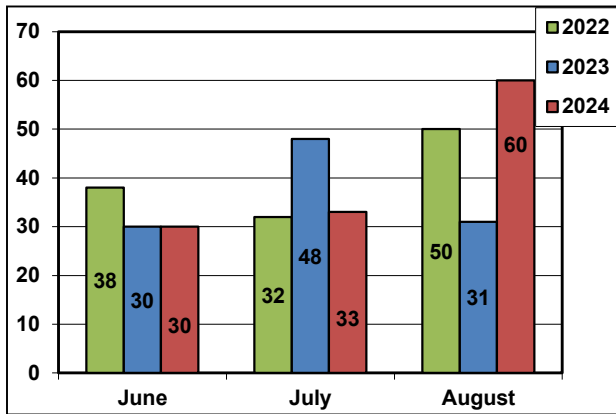
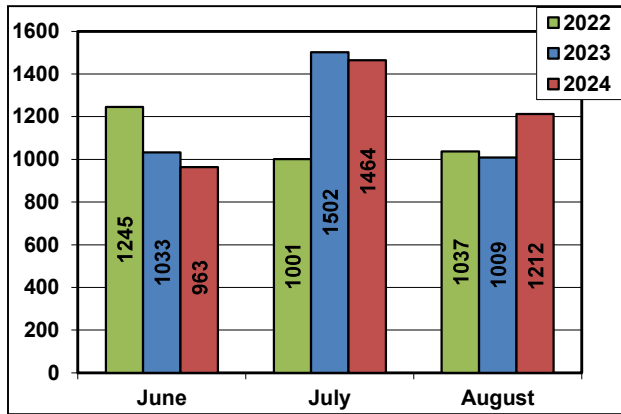


Figure 7. June - August Patrol Boat Hours



Appendix A

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Commercial Fishing Vessel Search and Rescue Cases with USCG involvement

Date	Vessel Name	Case Details
6/2/24	FV LYDIA MARIE	FV IDA MARIE was disabled and dragging anchor. The Coast Guard launched a small boat and moored the vessel safely to a pier.
6/5/24	FV VIS	FV VIS reported a collision with an unguided charter vessel and the unguided charter vessel sank. The Coast Guard launched a helicopter and FRC, coordinated with multiple other governmental agencies. One person was transferred to EMS and a second was located deceased inside the submerged vessel.
6/7/24	FV NUKA POINT	FV NUKA POINT reported a crewmember in medical distress. The Coast Guard launched a small boat and transferred the patient to medical services.
6/13/24	FV TAYLOR BAY	FV TAYLOR BAY reported a person in the water, clinging to the vessel. The Coast Guard launched a helicopter and issued a UMIB. A good Samaritan diverted and successfully assisted FV TAYLOR BAY prior to USCG helicopter arrival.
6/18/24	FV LYDIA MARIE	FV LYDIA MARIE reported being hard aground and that 05 POB were abandoning ship. The CG issued a UMIB, launched a helicopter and small boat. A good Samaritan safely recovered all persons before USCG assets arrived.
6/18/24	FV MISS COURTNEY KIM	FV MISS COURTNEY KIM was reported to have experienced a fire and sunk. All 07 POB were rescued by a good Samaritan prior to CG notification.
6/25/24	FV PAMEA RAE	FV PAMEA RAE was reported to have capsized. A good Samaritan rescued all 05 POB and transferred them to emergency services for treatment.
6/26/24	FV CANDI LYNN	FV CANDI LYNN reported being disabled and adrift with 02 POB. The CG launched a small boat and towed the vessel to safe harbor.
7/4/24	FV AMERICAN DYNASTY	FV AMERICAN DYNASTY reported a crewmember experienced an injury. The USCG facilitated medical advice, determined that MEDEVAC was not warranted and monitored until the crewmember reached higher level of care.
7/5/24	FV MONA LEE	FV MONA LEE requested USCG assistance as they were taking on water. The CG issued a UMIB, launched a small boat and helicopter. The CG small boat rescued the 02 POB from a skiff.
7/22/24	FV VICKI RAE	FV VICKI RAE master reported the vessel capsized and sank. A good Samaritan recovered all 05 POB prior to USCG notification.
7/28/24	FV WAR MASTER	FV WAR MASTER was reported to have a person overboard. The CG launched an HC-130, two MH 60s, a cutter, and coordinated an extensive search with the Alaska State Troopers. The person overboard was not found.
7/26/24	FV EXODOUS	FV EXODOUS reported an injured crewmember onboard. The CG launched two small boats and transferred the person to waiting EMS for further treatment.
7/26/24	Jack Bay	A FV in Jack Bay reported a crewmember onboard was experiencing a medical emergency. An underway small boat heard the radio transmission, self-diverted, and delivered the patient to waiting EMS.
7/26/24	FV VIKING VENTURE	FV VIKING VENTURE reported a crewmember was experiencing a medical emergency. The CG launched a small boat and transferred the patient to waiting EMS.

8/8/24	FV SUBZERO	FV SUBZERO was reported on fire. The CG launched an HC-130 and MH-60. Multiple good Samaritans responded and rescued the 02 POB.
8/8/24	FV THE ALASKAN	FV THE ALASKAN was reported to have capsized with all 05 POB being recovered by good Samaritans prior to USCG notification.
8/9/24	FV BAVARIA	FV BAVARIA reported that they were taking on water with 03 POB, the vessel lost power due to water ingress. The CG launched an MH-60 which delivered two dewatering pumps. The dewatering pumps allowed the vessel to regain power and propulsion and it safely moored.
8/12/24	FV FAITHFUL	FV FAITHFUL reported that a crewmember had fallen overboard. The CG issued a UMIB, launched two cutters and an MH-60. The person was not found.
8/14/24	FV PIG PEN	FV PIG PEN reported a fouled jet drive to a passing USCG cutter. The cutter launched its small boat and towed FV PIG PEN to a partner fishing vessel for further return to port.
8/21/24	FV LISA JEAN	FV LISA JEAN reported that the master fell into rotating equipment while underway. The CG issued a UMIB and launched an MH-60. Good Samaritans responded, recovered the deckhand, and assisted the CG rescue swimmer. The master was determined to be deceased and the case passed to Alaska State Troopers for further investigation.
8/29/24	FV ALASKA SPIRIT	FV ALASKA SPIRIT reported that a crewmember experienced an injury. The CG launched a helicopter, which experienced an engineering issue and safely landed. FV ALASKA SPIRIT transited to port and transferred the patient to EMS.
8/31/24	FV ALJAC	FV ALJAC reported water ingress with 01 POB. The CG issued a UMIB and launched a small boat. The small boat delivered dewatering pumps and safely towed FV ALJAC to port.
9/15/24	FV MORGAN ANNE	FV MORGAN ANNE reported to have run aground. The CG issued a UMIB, launched a small boat and MH60. Multiple good Samaritans arrived on scene took the crewmembers onboard. The CG small boat remained on scene until the vessel safely refloated.
9/16/24	FV HEATHER ANNE	FV HEATHER ANNE reported to have run aground. The CG issued a UMIB and launched a small boat. The vessel safely refloated with the incoming tide.

Appendix B

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Fisheries Boardings with Safety Violations (Commercial, Recreational, and Charter)

DATE	SPECIES	AREA	# SAFETY VIOS	ACTION	NOTES AND DETAILS
7/12/24	200	2C	1	NOV	No serviceable fire extinguisher
7/12/24	200	2C	1	Term	No fire extinguisher, inadequate amount of life jackets, no registration
7/20/24	200	2C	1	NOV	Expired flares
7/20/24	200	2C	1	NOV	Expired flares
7/20/24	200	2C	3	Term	Expired flares, no sound producing device, no throwable PFD
7/20/24	200	2C	2	Term	Expired flares, no sound producing device
7/20/24	200	2C	1	NOV	No throwable PFD
7/25/24	200	3A	1	WW	No oil placard
7/25/24	200	3A	2	NOV	No Certificate of Number (CoN) / incorrect amount of signal flares
7/25/24	200	3A	1	NOV	Expired flares
7/25/24	200	3A	2	Term	No CoN / not enough PFDs
7/26/24	200	3A	2	WW	No CoN / no oil pollution placard), 04 state warnings (AWT), 01 state citation (AWT)
7/26/24	200	3A	2	WW	No CoN / expired flares
7/26/24	200	3A	2	WW	No garbage placard / expired flares
7/26/24	200	3A	1	Term	Insufficient firefighting equipment), 01 state warning (AWT)
7/26/24	200	3A	1	WW	Expired flares
7/27/24	200	3A	3	Term	No CoN, insufficient firefighting equipment, and insufficient flares
7/27/24	710	519	5	Term	Inoperable nav lights. Unserviceable ring life buoy. Expired distress signals. Expired EPIRB hydrostatic release. Expired fire extinguishers
8/1/24	200	3A	1	WW	Insufficient firefighting equipment
8/1/24	200	3A	1	WW	Expired flares
8/1/24	200	3A	2	WW	No pollution placard, expired flares
8/1/24	200	4A	4	NOV	Expired fire extinguishers. Expired EPRIB registration. Insufficient number of distress signals. Improper life raft stowage.
8/2/24	200	3A	1	NOV	Expired flares
8/3/24	200	2C	1	Term	Insufficient documentation, illegal charter operation
8/3/24	200	2C	3	WW	Improper numbering, no throwable PFD, no flares
8/8/24	200	2C	1	NOV	Expired flares
8/8/24	200	2C	1	WW	No CoN onboard
8/8/24	200	2C	2	Term	No CoN onboard, illegal charter

8/8/24	200	2C	3	Term	No CoN onboard, no fire extinguisher onboard, expired flares
8/8/24	200	2C	1	NOV	No EPIRB onboard, life ring improperly attached to line, no visual distress signals onboard, improper markings on lifesaving equipment
8/8/24	200	2C	1	WW	No Type IV Throwable PFD onboard
8/8/24	200	2C	1	WW	Improper hull number displayed
8/10/24	200	2C	1	NOV	Expired visual distress signals
8/10/24	200	2C	1	NOV	Expired visual distress signals
8/10/24	200	2C	2	WW	No oil placard, no garbage placard
8/10/24	200	2C	1	WW	No registration onboard
8/11/24	200	3A	3	Term	No oil placard, no garbage placard, insufficient firefighting equipment
8/12/24	200	2C	1	NOV	Type IV Throwable PFD not onboard
8/16/24	200	2C	1	WW	Type IV Throwable PFD not onboard
8/21/24	200	2C	1	NOV	Flares more than three months expired
9/7/24	710	BS	1	NOV	Expired distress signals.
9/10/24	200	3A	1	Term	Insufficient PFDs and Life Rings
9/14/24	110	630	1	NOV	No life ring onboard
9/17/24	200	2C	1	NOV	Expired flares
9/18/24	200	2C	1	NOV	No flares onboard

Appendix C

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Fisheries Boardings with Fisheries Violations (Commercial, Recreational, and Charter)

DATE	SPECIES	AREA	# FISHERY VIOS	NOTES AND DETAILS
6/23/24	200	3A	1	IFQ Landing in Valdez, no logbook
7/26/24	200	4A	2	Failure to retain rockfish. Improper pacific cod retention.
7/27/24	710	519	4	Logbook violation. Improper buoys markings
8/1/24	200	4A	4	04 LMR violations. Failure to retain pacific cod while targeting IFQ halibut. Improper log keeping. Improper fishing buoy markings. Failure to retain all incidental rockfish.
8/18/24	200	514	2	No LLP; no hired master permit.
8/31/24	270	519	1	Incorrect log entries.
9/8/24	270	519	1	Failure to log daily flow scale test.
9/16/24	110	630	1	No logbook
9/24/24	110	542	1	Flow Scale test not logged in ELB

110 – Pacific Cod

200 – Pacific halibut

710 – Sablefish (black cod)

WW – Written Warning

NOV – Notice of Violation

Term – Voyage Safety Termination